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CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 21. (Canceled)

Claim 22. (Previously presented) An article having a surface fastening system, the surface fastening system including:

a) a first fastening element comprising:

a retaining element;

an attached portion joined to the article, said attached portion being fully or intermittently attached to the article;

a liftable portion extending from the attached portion, wherein at least about 5% of the retaining element is located on the liftable portion, said liftable portion being adapted to be lifted away from the article;

a hinge line positioned between the attached portion and the liftable portion; and

b) a second fastening element comprising:

a retaining element, wherein at least a portion of the retaining element of said second fastening element is configured to be releasably engageable with at least a portion of the liftable portion of said first fastening element;

an attached portion joined to the article;

a liftable portion extending from the attached portion of said second fastening element wherein at least about 5% of the retaining element of the second fastening element is located upon the second fastening element liftable portion; a hinge line positioned between the attached portion and the liftable portion of said second fastening element.

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**Claim 23. (New)** The article of Claim 22, further comprising a primary direction of load bearing, the primary direction of load bearing intersecting the hinge line at an angle of less than 90 degrees.

**Claim 24. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the liftable portion of the first fastening element is configured to be releasably engageable with the liftable portion of the second fastening element.

**Claim 25. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the peel load capacity during use is greater than or equal to about 1000 grams.

**Claim 26. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the surface fastening system may be disengaged in a peel mode through intentional surface fastening system disengagement with a peel load of less than about 1000 grams.

**Claim 27. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the first fastening element is positioned on the front of the wearer.

**Claim 28. (New)** The article of Claim 22, further comprising a longitudinal centerline wherein the longitudinal centerline is intersected by the hinge line.

**Claim 29. (New)** The absorbent article of Claim 28, further comprising a lateral centerline wherein the hinge line intersects the longitudinal centerline and the lateral centerline.

**Claim 30. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the article includes a disposable diaper, sanitary napkin, pant-like garment, body wrap, or medical bandage.

**Claim 31. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the article includes a liquid pervious topsheet, a liquid impervious backsheet and an absorbent core interposed between the topsheet and the backsheet.

**Claim 32. (New)** The article of Claim 22, further comprising opposite side panels and at least two second fastening elements, the second fastening elements being disposed

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on the opposite side panels so as to be generally attachable in a face to face relationship with at least a portion of the liftable portion of the first fastening element when the surface fastening system is in a fastened configuration.

**Claim 33. (New)** The absorbent article of Claim 22, wherein the first fastening element includes a flap with a retaining element.

**Claim 34. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the first fastening element includes a masking element.

**Claim 35. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the first fastening element includes a stiffening element.

**Claim 36. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the liftable portion of the first and/or second fastening element includes an elastomeric portion.

**Claim 37. (New)** The article of Claim 22, wherein the first fastening element and the second fastening element are pre-fastened.